

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
IN OPPOSITION to L.D. 930**

**LD TITLE: An Act to Subject a Motorboat with a Certificate of  
Number from Another Jurisdiction to the Annual Registration Fee**

**SPONSORED BY: Representative NADEAU of Winslow**

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SCHNECK of Bangor, Representative TURNER of Burlington**

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Good afternoon Senator Dutremble, Representative Shaw and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of the Licensing Division at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking in opposition to **L.D. 930**.

Currently, there is reciprocity across all 50 states for boat registrations. In general, a boat with a valid registration from another state is allowed to operate in Maine without registering in Maine. However, current state law requires that a boat that is in Maine for a period in excess of 60 consecutive days must register in Maine. L.D. 930 proposes to reduce the 60 consecutive day requirement down to 30 days. The Department is required to follow Federal law in regard to our boat registration processes; this 60 consecutive day requirement is also currently a state law. Remaining in compliance with Federal law is important and necessary to maintaining the funding stream which is of substantial value.

I would be happy to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.